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: FABRIC AND LEATHER-LIKE : ARTICLE IN SHEET FORM, AND

: METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 13, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated August 18, 2009, the Applicants amend the application as follows: